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## REGISTER NOW FOR CHARTER 101 WORKSHOP

BOISE – Are you interested in starting a public charter school in Idaho or do you want to learn more about the process? Register now for the Charter Start 101 workshop!

Public charters schools are free public schools that are open to all students. A public charter school gives families the choice of sending their children to a school that uses innovative methods to provide a quality education in a smaller, more responsive learning environment.

Every year, the Idaho State Department of Education's Division of Innovation and Choice hosts a series of Charter Start 101 workshops to help parents, educators and others who are interested in learning more about what it takes to start a public charter school in Idaho.

The free two-day Charter Start 101 workshop is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on October 4-5, 2010 at the Doubletree Riverside, 2900 Chinden Boulevard, in Boise. Registration begins at 8 a.m. on the first day.

The workshop will provide hands-on technical assistance for all new charter developers and any individual or group interested in a public school conversion. The workshop is designed to support public charter school developers at all stages – from vision to implementation.

Workshop attendance is now a statutory requirement for all charter developers. All participants will receive a charter start resource guide and a certificate of participation.

The deadline to register is Monday, September 27. To register, please complete the online registration form at <a href="http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/charter\_schools/">http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/charter\_schools/</a>.

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